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SUBJ: POSSIBLE ANDREW YOUNG TRIP TO EA COUNTRIES

REF : A) KUALA LUMPUR 1362, G) STATE 39466

1. FOLLOWING UP OUR INITIAL NOTIFICATION FEB 15 OF AMBASSADOR YOUNG'S INTENTION TO VISIT MALAYSIA, MFA CONTACTED US THIS MORNING TO OUTLINE SOME PRELIMINARY PROGRAM IDEAS PENDING RETURN OF FOREIGN MINISTER LATER TODAY AND PRIME MINISTER EARLY NEXT WEEK. MFA ENVISAGES PROGRAM THAT WOULD INCLUDE OFFICIAL CALL ON PRIME MINISTER AND DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER, AS WELL AS MEETINGS WITH MINISTERS OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS, HOME AFFAIRS (INVOLVED WITH REFUGEES AND HUMAN RIGHTS), AND PRIMARY INDUSTRIES (NORTH-SOUTH DIALOGUE, ESPECIALLY INTERNATIONAL COMMODITIES ISSUES). WE HAVE ALSO MENTIONED THE POSSIBILITY, SHOULD AMBASSADOR YOUNG EXPRESS INTEREST, OF TRIP OUTSIDE KUALA LUMPUR TO A REPRESENTATIVE FELDA (FEDERAL LAND DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY) SCHEME WHICH WOULD OFFER SOME INSIGHT INTO MALAYSIA'S IMPRESSIVE AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTION CAPACITY (ESP. OF OIL PALM AND RUBBER). WE WOULD APPRECIATE AMBASSADOR YOUNG'S THOUGHTS ON THIS.

2. ACCOMMODATIONS. AMBASSADOR INVITES AMBASSADOR YOUNG PLUS ONE
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OTHER FROM HIS PARTY TO STAY AT RESIDENCE. IT IS POSSIBLE GOM WILL EXTEND OFFICIAL GUEST STATUS TO AMBASSADOR YOUNG, IN WHICH CASE THEY WOULD PROBABLY OFFER ACCOMMODATIONS AT HILTON HOTEL. IN THIS REGARD IT WOULD BE HELPFUL TO HAVE AN EARLY INDICATION OF SIZE AND COMPOSITION OF AMBASSADOR YOUNG'S PARTY.

3. PRESS. WE EXPECT VISIT WILL GENERATE CONSIDERABLE LOCAL

PRESS INTEREST AND WOULD APPRECIATE KNOWING AMBASSADOR YOUNG'S
THOUGHTS REGARDING THE POSSIBILITY OF HOLDING A PRESS CONFERENCE
AND/OR TELEVISED INTERVIEW WITH LOCAL FOREIGN AFFAIRS
SPECIALIST(S).

4. WE EXPECT GOM WILL BE ABLE TO FOCUS IN GREATER DETAIL ON
VISIT FOLLOWING RETURN OF PRIME MINISTER AND FOREIGN MINISTER
BUT WOULD APPRECIATE INITIAL REACTIONS TO QUESTIONS ABOVE PLUS
ANY OTHER PREFERENCES AMBASSADOR YOUNG MIGHT HAVE.
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